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- 1) JP 11-046336 A
- 2) JP 2000-173247 A
- 3) JP 2001-292421 A
- 4) JP 10-290423 A
- 5) JP 06-121267 A
- 6) JP 2000-125240 A
- 7) JP 09-168148 A
- 8) JP 08-147943 A
- 9) JP 05-290549
- 10) JP 09-046648

References 1) - 10) include English language abstracts.

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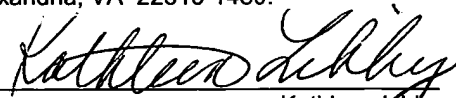
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